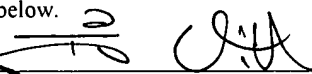


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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing date of the above-referenced application but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits for the application.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached form.

The listed documents were cited in the corresponding European Patent Application No. EP 03023947.9. A copy of the European Search Report is included herewith. The European

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